

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 5-13, 15-18 and to make minor editorial changes to claims. No new matter is added.

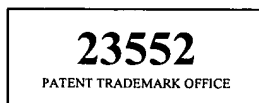
A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

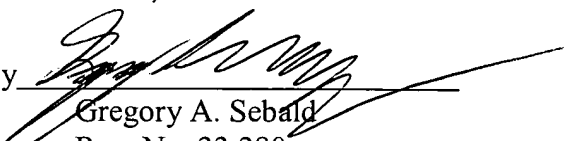
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